

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 cancelled.

26. (Presently amended) A method for making a cosmetic composition for topically delivering a compound that inhibits the production and release of enzymatically produced ROMs comprising:

providing a cosmetically acceptable carrier and a compound selected from the group consisting of histamine, histamine dihydrochloride, histamine diphosphate, other histamine salts, esters, prodrugs, histamine-receptor agonists, serotonin, and 5HT agonists in a concentration effective to treat ROM mediated damage to the skin caused by a disorder of the skin selected from the group consisting of herpes labialis, herpes genitalis, herpes zoster, varicella zoster, bacterial infections, chemotherapy-induced mucositis, radiotherapy-induced mucositis, photodermatitis, thermal burns, cosmetic surgery and periodontal disease; and

forming a composition containing the cosmetically acceptable carrier and said compound that inhibits the production and release of enzymatically produced ROMs.

27. (Previously added) The method of Claim 26, wherein said compound is a compound that promotes the release of endogenous histamine stores.

28. (Previously added) The method of Claim 27, wherein said endogenous histamine releasing compound is selected from a group consisting of IL-3, retinoic acid, 9-cis-retinoic acid, all-trans-retinoic acid, and allergens.

29. (Previously added) The method of Claim 26, wherein said composition is a lipstick.

30. (Previously added) The method of Claim 26, wherein said composition is a shampoo.

31. (Previously added) The method of Claim 26, wherein said cosmetically acceptable carrier is a spray.

32. (Previously added) The method of Claim 26, wherein said cosmetically acceptable carrier is a mouthwash.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously added) A cosmetic composition comprising an effective dose of a compound that inhibits the enzymatic production or release of ROMs in a cosmetically

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acceptable carrier adapted for topical delivery, wherein said carrier is selected from the group consisting of a sunscreen, a toothpaste, a soap, a wound dressing, a lipstick, a shampoo, a spray, and a mouthwash.

35. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 34, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of histamine, histamine dihydrochloride, histamine diphosphate, other histamine salts, esters, prodrugs, H₂ receptor agonists, serotonin, and 5HT agonists.

36. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 34, wherein said compound is a compound that promotes the release of endogenous histamine stores.

37. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 36, wherein said compound that promotes the release of endogenous histamine stores is selected from the group consisting of IL-3, retinoic acid, 9-cis-retinoic acid, all-trans-retinoic acid, and allergens.

38. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the cosmetically acceptable carrier further comprises a colorant.

39. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 38, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of FD&C Red No. 40 and FD&C Yellow No. 5.

40. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the cosmetically acceptable carrier further comprises a fragrance.

41. (Previously added) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the cosmetically acceptable carrier further comprises a moisturizer.

42. (New) The method of Claim 26, wherein said cosmetically acceptable carrier is a sunscreen.

43. (New) The method of Claim 26, wherein said cosmetically acceptable carrier is a toothpaste.

44. (New) The method of Claim 26, wherein said cosmetically acceptable carrier is a soap.